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**From:** Schofield, John  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Kou, Roberto@DTSC  
**Cc:** Kewin, Paul@DTSC; Jones, Joel E.; McDaniel, Doug; Wu, Brian@DTSC  
**Subject:** RE: Exide

Robert,

Brian and I talked. We're coordinated.

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FYI, my cell phone number is 510-334-3047.

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**From:** Schofield, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2014 10:46 AM  
**To:** Kewin, Paul@DTSC;Soria, Maria@DTSC;Kou, Roberto@DTSC  
**Cc:** McDaniel, Doug;Jones, Joel E.  
**Subject:** Exide-Vernon Notification

All,

My management has requested that I perform a CEI of the referenced facility next week. Joel is going to be in LA next Tuesday and Wednesday. If schedule allows, Joel may participate in a portion of the inspection. Until I have a chance to discuss with you all, I am tentatively planning on visiting the Chatsworth office on Tuesday to perform file review, etc., and Wednesday, and if necessary Thursday inspecting the facility.

I will be attending UPAAG meeting tomorrow.

John

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**From:** Jill Whynot <JWhynot@aqmd.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:26 PM  
**To:** Jones, Joel E.  
**Subject:** RE: Exide

Joel,  
Do you have any specific contacts that I can start with?  
Thank you, Jill

*Jill Whynot  
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**From:** Jones, Joel E. [mailto:[Jones.Joel@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Joel@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Jill Whynot  
**Cc:** Johnson, Kathleen  
**Subject:** Exide

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- Joel

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**From:** Jill Whynot <[JWhynot@aqmd.gov](mailto:JWhynot@aqmd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:25 PM  
**To:** Jones, Joel E.  
**Cc:** Johnson, Kathleen  
**Subject:** RE: Exide

Thank you very much.

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**From:** Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 11:40 AM  
**To:** Sims, Mark  
**Cc:** Salazar, Matt; Jones, Joel E.  
**Subject:** RE: EPA 114 Letter to Exide (Issued Today)

Thanks Mark for the copy of this letter and thanks Joel for the draft copy of EPA's response to Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. Have a nice weekend.

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**From:** Sims, Mark [<mailto:Sims.Mark@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 11:02 AM  
**To:** Mohsen Nazemi  
**Cc:** Salazar, Matt; Jones, Joel E.  
**Subject:** EPA 114 Letter to Exide (Issued Today)

Hi Mohsen,

Attached is a copy of the 114 information request letter EPA issued today to Exide. We have asked Exide to respond by July 25, 2014. Feel free to call if you have any questions. Thanks –

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**From:** Salazar, Matt  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Mohsen Nazemi  
**Cc:** Sims, Mark;Christenson, Kara;Jones, Joel E.  
**Subject:** FW: Exide-EPA NOV meeting , Monday June 30th morning

Hi Mohsen,

We're planning on having the NOV conference on Monday morning June 30<sup>th</sup>. We want to make sure to invite you, so if that doesn't work, let us know, we can try to reschedule. I left a message on your voicemail as well. Have a great weekend.

Thanks,  
Matt

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**From:** Mohsen Nazemi <MNazemi1@aqmd.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** Jones, Joel E.  
**Cc:** Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark; Christenson, Kara; Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** RE: EXIDE Technologies - EPA Notice of Violation

Thanks Joel.

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**From:** Jones, Joel E. [<mailto:Jones.Joel@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:18 AM  
**To:** Mohsen Nazemi  
**Cc:** Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Salazar, Matt; Sims, Mark; Christenson, Kara; Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** EXIDE Technologies - EPA Notice of Violation

Hi Mohsen,  
Please see attached Findings and Notice of Violation re EXIDE. We will issue our press release after contacting the company headquarters.  
Let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Jones, Joel E.  
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**To:** Mohsen Nazemi  
**Subject:** EXIDE

Good morning, please see attached draft press release re Notice of Violation. Draft is **CLOSE HOLD** and subject to change. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from HQs on next steps and timing of release.

## **U.S. EPA Finds Exide Technologies in Violation of the Clean Air Act**

*Excess lead emissions released from Vernon, Calif. facility*

**LOS ANGELES** – { Date XX,XXX }, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified Exide Technologies of federal violations found at its Vernon, Calif. lead smelting facility. EPA's investigation, prompted by community concerns as well as ongoing investigations by state and local agencies, found that Exide violated the Clean Air Act lead emissions standards on more than 30 occasions. EPA's investigation of the facility is ongoing.

"Exide has increased the health risks for the nearby community by releasing lead into the environment," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "Enforcing the Clean Air Act is a critical responsibility of the EPA and we will remain vigilant to ensure Exide is complying with federal law."

Federal clean air laws require areas with unhealthy air develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to implement, achieve, and maintain EPA's air quality standards. Under the state's SIP, large lead-acid battery recycling facilities are prohibited from emitting lead into the air that exceeds  $0.15\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (micrograms per meter cubed) over any 30 consecutive day period. Under the Clean Air Act, any violation of the SIP is a violation of federal law.

EPA's review of data collected from air quality monitors at locations on or around the facility showed average lead emissions above the  $0.15\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  standard from March 22 through April 19, 2014. In addition excess emissions were monitored on or about September 9, 2013, September 18, 2013, and January 2 through January 3, 2014.

The facility has ten working days to request a meeting with EPA. The agency is evaluating its enforcement options against the company. Exide faces a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation based on federal statutory law. Exide Technologies is a battery recycling facility located at 2700 South Indiana Avenue in Vernon, Calif. and has been in operation since 1922. Exide recovers lead from recycled automotive batteries and other lead-bearing scrap materials and recycles 23,000 to 41,000 batteries daily. The Department of Toxic Substances Control regulates hazardous waste generated at the facility. The South Coast Air Quality Management District is the lead agency responsible for enforcing rules and permit conditions to ensure that the facility operates in compliance with air pollution requirements, and has taken several enforcement actions against Exide for similar violations of local air quality rules. EPA and South Coast Air Quality Management District are working closely to ensure compliance and protect the community from harmful excess lead emissions.

Lead is a major environmental health hazard for young children and pregnant women. Exposure to lead can result in lowered intelligence, reading and learning disabilities, impaired hearing, reduced attention span, and hyperactivity.

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**Subject:** Call re Exide  
**Location:** R9-Room-1702-8-AIR\_Only-Lorax/Region-9-RESTRICTED  
  
**Start:** Thu 4/24/2014 12:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 4/24/2014 12:30 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Accepted  
  
**Organizer:** McDaniel, Doug  
**Required Attendees:** Jones, Joel E.; Salazar, Matt; Kewin, Paul@DTSC

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**From:** Jones, Joel E.  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2013 1:10 PM  
**To:** Mohsen Nazemi  
**Subject:** Exide order of abatement hearing date?

Hi Mohsen,

Jared had a teleconference this morning with Sen. Boxer's district office staff re compliance status of Exide and RDX. We shared information from your orders of abatement and let them know EPA may schedule a CWA/RCRA inspection of the Sante Fe Springs RDX facility in the near future.

One question we were uncertain of is whether a hearing date had been scheduled for the Exide abatement order and what the next steps would be for Exide to return to compliance. We don't anticipate conducting any inspections of Exide but wanted to let the Senator's office know the latest information from South Coast.

Thanks.

- Joel

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